



## COMPANY TO OPEN 8th BRANCH PLANT IN PUERTO RICO

### RICHARD F. TROTTIER TRANSFERRED TO SPRAGUE PRODUCTS

Richard F. Trottier, former head of Office Methods and Procedures, has been transferred recently to the post of Administrative Assistant to Mr. Harry Kalker, President of Sprague Products.

Mr. Trottier was born in North Adams and was graduated from Drury High School and Bliss Business College. He then went to work at James Hunter Machine Company where he was head of the Time Study Department. After serving in the Army he returned to the Hunter company and graduated from General Electric's two year Business Administration course. In 1946, he came to Sprague Electric as a Methods Engineer.

Mr. Trottier is very active in his home town of Stamford, Vermont, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman of the Town Auditors, and a member of the Stamford Fish & Game Association. Other organizations with which he is affiliated are the Albany Chapter of the National Office Management Association of which he is a Director, Berkshire County Traffic Club and the American Legion in North Adams.

Mr. Trottier and his wife, the former Eileen Horn from North Adams, have one daughter, Kathy Ann, who is seven years old.

### Harold L. Carson Named to the Executive Committee Hudson Valley Chapter

Harold L. Carson, head of Time Study, has been named to the executive committee of the Hudson Valley chapter, Society for the Advancement of Management.

Mr. Carson also will be chairman of the publicity and public relations committee.

The Society for the Advancement of Management is a national professional society of management executives. Its purpose is to help executives approach all phases of the management problem — production, distribution, finance, administration, and industrial relations — in the engineering field.



Richard F. Trottier

### R. C. Sprague Elected New Industry Group Director

Mr. R. C. Sprague, founder and Board Chairman, has been elected one of the 18 directors of the new Massachusetts Business Development corporation, which will have the task of seeking venture capital to attract industries into the state and promote expansion of those already existing here.

The corporation was sponsored by Gov. Christian A. Herter, and created by legislative act a month ago, at which time Mr. Sprague was named as one of the original incorporators.

The directors were elected at a meeting of the incorporators, Wednesday, July 15, at the State House, where it was also announced that the corporation will begin full-scale activity in the fall.

### Clyde Hirst Winner of \$25.00 Award

Mr. Clyde R. Hirst, Supervisor of Miscellaneous Resistor Assembly at Brown Street, has been named winner of the \$25.00 prize for best defining "What is a Capacitor?" The prize was offered by Mr. Julian K. Sprague, President, to the graduates of the first "Elements of Radio" course. Mr. Hirst has temporarily been assigned to the Kingston Division, Kingston, New York.

Mr. Hirst's definition of "What is a Capacitor?" is: "A capacitor is an electrical component used in almost all types of electrical equipment. It is used to store energy and regulate current flow.

"Mechanically, it is two or more conductor plates that are connected into an electrical circuit. These plates may be of metal, foil or some suitable conductive material and are separated from each other by a non-conductive material which may be merely an air gap in some types of capacitors but in most cases consists of mica or some suitable non-conductive material.

"The total area of the plates, relation of distance apart and the non-

conductive material separating the plates determines the capacity to store energy, hence the name capacitor.

"It is unique in the job it performs in the electrical circuit, such as radio or television, but not necessarily used in just these two mentioned.

"Its three main functions could be expressed by the following:

"1. Instant voltage ready for use when wanted. It stores up this voltage energy according to its rated capacity.

"2. A ready conductor for alternating current. Even though there is not physical union of the plates conducting the current, due to its nature, alternating current appears to flow thru the capacitor.

"3. It will block direct current. Once a voltage is impressed on the plates of the capacitor, it remains in a static state and can only be discharged by reversing the current direction.

"Thus a capacitor holds energy ready for use, allows one type of current to flow and blocks another."

The first Evening Electronics Class graduated one lady and twenty-four men April 16, 1953.

### LEE FRASER APPOINTED TO MANAGE OPERATION

Mr. Lee Fraser has been named General Manager of Sprague Electric's eighth branch plant, which will soon extend the Company's widening field of operations to Puerto Rico.

Mr. Fraser will be general manager of the Sprague Caribe Company, a wholly owned subsidiary which will begin operations in the near future in a 30,000 square foot plant near the island's capital, San Juan.

Announcement of plans for the newest addition to the fast-expanding Sprague chain of operations was made July 13 by Julian K. Sprague, President.

The Puerto Rico plant will manufacture paper capacitors to meet future growth of the Company's business.

Mr. Fraser comes to the Sprague organization from the Arma Corporation of Brooklyn, New York, where he has served as production manager since 1951.

Born in Columbia, Montana, he graduated from Cornell University in 1926 with a degree in mechanical engineering with an industrial engineering option.

He was for many years affiliated with the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, manufacturers of telephone electronic equipment for installations outside the United States.

In his connection with I.T. and T., Mr. Fraser installed and operated plants in Brazil and Argentina, as well as Europe.

In speaking of the projected Puerto Rican plant, Mr. Sprague said that "expected demand for the Company's products cannot be met by the employees available to it in its present plants, including North Adams, and no loss of work opportunity in these plants is expected to result."

The announcement did not set a target date for opening of the San Juan operation, nor did it state the expected employment total.

Puerto Rico's new plant takes its place alongside seven Sprague branch operations in the continental United States.

Besides its three "home" plants in North Adams, the firm has branch operations in Nashua, New Hampshire; Barre and Bennington, Vermont; Saugerties and Kingston, New York; and Grafton, Wisconsin.

Recently the Company began work on a new 50,000 square-foot plant in West Jefferson, North Carolina. This plant expects to start operations in November with a goal of 250 employees.

### Better Ways to Highway Safety

The Automotive Safety Foundation recently conducted a seminar at which some sixty men, realizing the scope and urgency of the traffic problem, discussed the vital question of highway transportation.

The outcome of this meeting was the enthusiastic response on the part of all those participating for improved streets and highways, elimination of traffic congestions, better parking facilities, and a reduction of auto fatalities. The latter claims 40,000 lives a year, injures more than one million people and results in economic losses totaling four billion annually.

Since most families own cars today, and the majority of us drive to and from work, it would be advisable if we took an active interest in the traffic problem that mars society.

The driver education program has been incorporated into the local high school systems, and we are beginning to see the fine results and worthiness of such a program. Statistics from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have shown that the high school trained drivers have fewer (less than half) accidents as

untrained high school students. It has proved so successful that some insurance companies have begun giving premium reductions to families in which all the children have completed driver training courses. Are your children enrolled in such a program? It could mean money saved and a safer drive for the family.

Maybe some of you are familiar with the Uniform Vehicle Code. This is designed to make all rules the same for every state. The Model Traffic Ordinance has been adopted along the same line, but confined to just communities. Both these plans have been helpful in eliminating confusion for vacationers and businessmen.

These are only a few of the things that were suggested at the Washington meeting as a means for improving traffic and diminishing the death toll in the light of a public service.

We feel that the problem concerns all of us and that it is each one's responsibility to talk over the problem, and talk up better roads, interstate codes et cetera, and all hope that you will give it some careful consideration and possibly give your city government or selectmen advice and suggestions. The responsibility belongs to all of us.

### Two Company Engineers Delivered Paper to A. I. E. E. Meetings

Two Sprague Electric engineers delivered a paper recently before the summer meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Speaking before the group were Samuel Lubin and Nathan M. Levinson

of the Moduline Carrier Current Outage Monitor development section.

Their paper, entitled "Series Resonant Circuits for Carrier Trapping of Resonant Taps", described a "simple and inexpensive way of overcoming the effects of resonant taps on distribution systems" for electric power.

### Dates to Keep in Mind!

August 26th - 27th - 28th

Free typing of blood at the North Adams Y.M.C.A. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

"Eight Thousand Persons Enjoy Opening of '53 Season at Tanglewood." Such are the headlines which those in this vicinity read every summer. The beautiful musical programs which are held annually during the Berkshire Music Festival in Stockbridge, Mass., have become a unique festival for music lovers, artists, and vacationists. People from all over the world are attracted to these concerts and crowd into the concert hall and larger music shed, which hold 1200 and 5000 respectively, and the adjoining grounds, to listen to the interpretations of these musicians.

The Berkshire Music Center was established in 1940 by the late Serge Koussevitzky, then Director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, to provide a center where young musicians could add to their professional training and enlarge their artistic experience under the guidance of eminent musicians and teachers. There is no effort to give fundamental courses and instruction on the same basis as do conservatories, colleges and music schools. The Berkshire Music Center gives its students constructive advice and a practical method for stimulating their gifts, rounding out the abilities gained in their years of study, and broadening their acquaintance with music. The courses of study at the Music Center emphasize group performance. Students participate in orchestra, chamber music and choral performance.

The Friends of the Berkshire Music Center is an organization of several thousand persons who are interested in the Music Center and contribute financially both to the support of the Center and to those students who are in need of financial aid. You are invited to join the Friends of the Berkshire Music Center. A voluntary contribution, regardless of size, to the support of the Music Center constitutes membership in the Friends. In recognition of their generosity, the Center cordially invites these Friends to the forty performances of its students at Tanglewood. Contributions should be sent to the Friends of the Berkshire Music Center, Lenox, Massachusetts.



Mr. and Mrs. Agostino Piantoni of 22 Central Avenue have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gisella Louise, to John Blake, son of Mr. Louis Blake of Belden Street, Williamstown. Gisella is employed in Retail Sales, and John is employed in the Dry Tubulars.

### Anniversaries...

Congratulations to Louise and Joseph O'Keefe on their sixth wedding anniversary, celebrated July 5. Joseph works in the Purchasing Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lillie celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary July 16. May you both have many more happy years.

Rita Bishop celebrated her twentieth anniversary July 15. Rita works in Production Engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sobon celebrated their eighteenth wedding anniversary July 4. Mrs. Sobon (Ronnie) is a stock clerk in the Metal Clad Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Krzeminski of Adams celebrated their fourteenth wedding anniversary July 15. Mathew works in Prokar Polyester.



A daughter, Margaret Mary, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horsfall July 7. She is the grandchild of Al Horsfall of the Photo Lab.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard (Bernie) Fitzpatrick are the proud parents of a daughter, Jean Ann. Bernie is the foreman in Industrial Oils Final Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Collette are the parents of a son born June 30. Incidentally, the baby was born with two teeth. Mr. Collette is employed in the Formation Department.

A son was born July 3 to Walter and Julia Wolfrum. Walter works in Centrifuge and Julia in D. T. Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Bourdon are the parents of a son, Gary Francis, born July 1. Mr. Bourdon works in Warehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Hayden are the parents of a daughter born July 6. Mrs. Hayden formerly worked in Sales Office.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tatro of Clarksburg July 2. Mrs. Tatro is in Dry Rolling.



Happy birthday to Lee Hermansen who celebrated his July 13. Lee works in Test Equipment Engineering.

Yvonne Carlisle will celebrate her birthday July 26. Yvonne is employed in the Ceramic Department.

Edith Henning, of Employee and Community Relations, celebrated her birthday July 18.

Birthday greetings to Carol Busby who celebrated hers July 16. Carol works in Flat Midget Assembly.

Eva Doldoss, of Flat Midget Assembly, has a birthday July 31.

Marion Andrews celebrated her birthday July 3. Marion works in Final Soldering.

Sue Pallone, of Final Soldering, celebrates hers this month. Both she and Marion received birthday cakes from the Birthday Club.

Birthday greetings to Gloria Amos whose birthday was July 14. Gloria works in Miscellaneous Paper Finish. Larry Lewis had a birthday July 17. Larry is employed in Miscellaneous Paper Finish.

July 25 is the birthday of Adele Solari. Adele is in Miscellaneous Paper Finish.

Happy Birthday to Viola Dempsey who celebrated her birthday July 13. Viola works on the Heat-Seal line.

Sue LaBelle of the Block Annex celebrated her birthday July 4.

Birthday greetings to Viola Delisle who celebrated July 8. Vi works in the Block Annex.

July 12 was the birthday of Doris Williams who is employed in the Block Annex.

Jessie Dziegiel had her birthday July 13. She works in the Block Annex.

Greetings to Bertha Dupree who celebrated her birthday July 14. She is in the Block Annex.

Sophia Embry celebrated her birthday July 17. She works in the Block Annex.

July 19 was the birthday of Esther Driscoll of the Block Annex.

### If Everyone - - -

If every one who drives a car  
Could lie a month in bed,  
With broken bones and stitched-up  
wounds  
Or fractures of the head,  
And there endure the agonies  
That many people do  
They'd never need preach safety  
Any more to me or you.

If every one could stand beside  
The bed of some close friend  
And hear the Doctor say "No Hope"  
Before that fatal end,  
And see him there unconscious  
Never knowing what took place,  
The laws and rules of traffic  
I am sure we'd soon embrace.

If every one could meet  
The wife and children left behind  
And step into that darkened home  
Where once the sunlight shined,  
And look upon "the Vacant Chair"  
Where Daddy used to sit,  
I am sure each reckless driver  
Would be forced to think a bit.

If everyone who takes the wheel  
Would say a little prayer,  
And keep in mind those in the car  
Depending on his care,  
And make a vow and pledge himself  
To never take a chance,  
The great Crusade for Safety  
Would suddenly advance.

## SAFETY CORNER

### Bank On Safety and You Won't Overdraw.

#### HAVE A SAFER VACATION TOO



Whether you plan to go away or stay around home, use these common sense suggestions for a safer, enjoyable vacation.

- Always swim with others not alone. Do not dive into unfamiliar water or go bathing immediately after eating.
- Get your suntan gradually, as a severe sunburn can easily spoil your vacation.
- When boating, don't show off or rock the boat. Non-swimmers should stay out of boats unless life jackets are available.
- Shun too much or too strenuous play that causes over-exertion.
- Limit sports activity according to your physical condition, age and the heat of the day.

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Know Your Reporters..



Frank Santelli

Alma Pratt

Frank Santelli is Alma's "partner in crime". Frank has been working in K.V.A. since 1945 but formerly worked at Beaver Street. He has been employed by the Company since 1941 and has been a LOG reporter for about three and a half years.

Frank likes to hunt and fish and is fond of all sports. He also helps to coach the Sprague Electric Softball team. Frank used to handle publicity for the now-defunct Tiger's Football Team and Cub's Baseball Team in Williamstown. He would write up resumes of these games and submit them to the Transcript. By the way, he is a rabid Yankee fan.

He was in the Army for "three years, six months and five days" and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Frank is a member of the National Guard.

His wife and two children, Priscilla, six and Thomas Francis, three weeks old, reside at 32 Bridges Road, Williamstown.

Alma Pratt is one of the co-reporters of K.V.A. She has been in this department for 12 months and has been employed by the Company for 3 years. She formerly worked in the PAA Department, Rolling at Beaver Street and Production Engineering. Alma has been a LOG reporter for about seven months.

She was born in Alabama and moved to North Adams in 1943. At the present, she is writing a book, which is a novel entitled "Red Hell and the Wrong God." So far Alma has let no one except her husband read her book, and he has also helped her along with it. Alma enjoys all sports but is especially fond of horseback riding and swimming.

Alma and her husband make their home at 25 Leonard Street. They have two sons, Ronnie, who is six years old, and Bobby, who is four.

Alma enjoys being a LOG reporter and likes working with the Company very much.

The Year Without a Summer

Freaks in the weather have forever been a subject of interest. Recently, information has come to light that the year 1816 was a year without a summer. A clipping from the Elizabeth, N. J., Pioneer of forty-four years ago refers to the freak year as follows:

"January and February, 1816, were warm and spring-like. March was cold and stormy. Vegetation had gotten well under way in April, when real cold weather set in. Snow and sleet fell on seventeen different days in May. In June, there was either frost or snow every day but three. July was cold and frosty. August was worse, for ice formed nearly an inch in thickness and killed every green thing in the United States. In the spring of 1817, corn, which had been kept over from 1815, sold from \$5 to \$10 per bushel for seed only."

Once Robert Ripley published a cartoon entitled, "The Earth Shaker", giving the following facts: "The eruption of Mr. Temboro, Dutch East Indies, blew fifty cubic miles of dust into the air, killing 66,000 people and clouding the skies all over the earth. Crops refused to ripen; trees bore no fruit; cattle froze in the fields. As a result, 1816 is 'the year without a summer'."

The phenomena of 1816 were further told in the Yorkshire, S. C., Enquirer: "January was so mild that most people allowed their fires to go out, and did not burn wood except for cooking. February was not cold. March was windy, April came in warm, but as the days grew longer, the air became colder, and by the first of May there was a temperature like that of winter. The young buds were frozen stiff, and ice formed half an inch thick upon the ponds and rivers. Corn was killed, and the cornfields were planted again and again. When the last of May arrived in 1816, everything had been killed by the cold.

"June was the coldest month ever experienced in this latitude. Frost and ice were as common as buttercups usually are. All fruit was destroyed. Snow fell ten inches in Vermont. July came in with snow and ice. On the Fourth of July, ice was a quarter-inch thick throughout New England. To the surprise of all, August proved to be the worst month of all. "There was great privation, and thousands of people would have perished in this country had it not been for an abundance of game."

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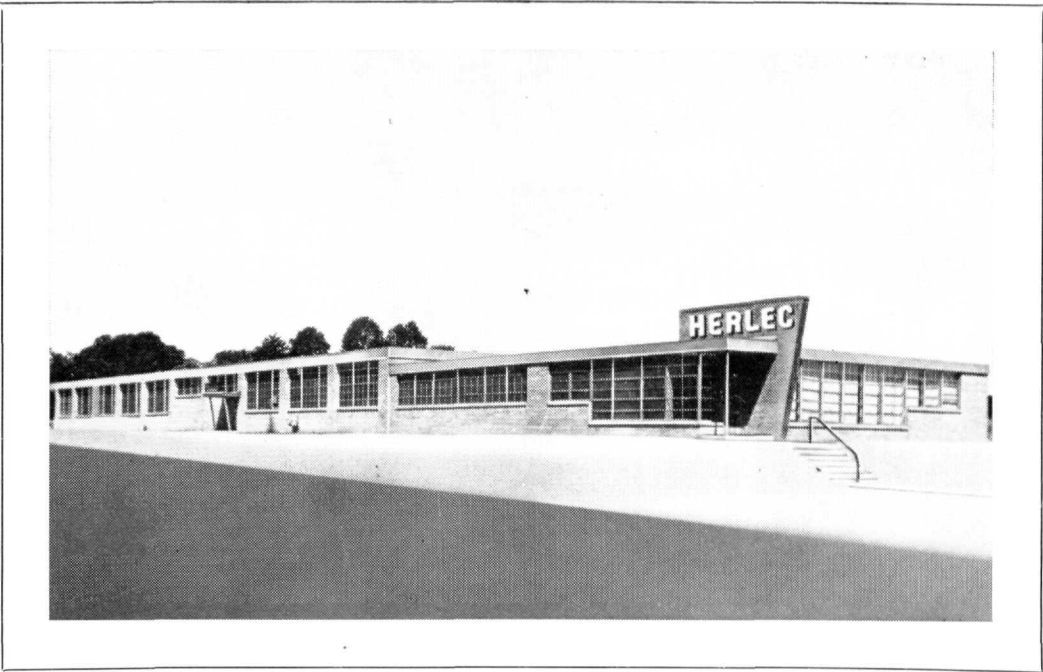
TRUMPET—new case. Used only three times. Will sell reasonably. Call N. A. 1434-M anytime.

WHITE GLENWOOD combination coal and gas range with covers, light, clock and oven heat control. Excellent condition. Call N. A. 3373-M anytime.

PHILCO TV 21" set—mahogany table model. Golden Good tune. Will sell for \$190.00. Owner moved to smaller house. Dial 383, Marshall St. Plant.

TWO APARTMENT HOUSE. Each apartment has 5 rooms, modern and in good condition. Built in 1951. Contact Clyde Hirst, 125 Phelps Ave., North Adams.

Herlec Corporation - Sprague Subsidiary - Completes Move



The Herlec Corporation, mid-western ceramic capacitor manufacturing subsidiary of the Sprague Electric Company, has completed the move of all its operations to its new plant at Grafton, Wisconsin, it has been announced by Harry Rubinstein, President. The new factory is located in a rural area about 25 miles from the former Herlec location in the heart of downtown Milwaukee.

Of the most modern architectural design, the new Herlec factory is of one-floor brick and steel construction with wide windows on all sides. Production facilities, offices and laboratories are modern in every detail, offering all conveniences to the employees.

Nearly 300 Employees Attend "Telephone Courtesy" Program

Several hundred employees attended "Telephone Courtesy" instruction programs this week under the supervision of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The programs, conducted in the three North Adams plant cafeterias, consisted of a talk by Miss Sara J. Williams, of the 'phone company, and a 20-minute motion picture on telephone courtesy.

The training program was organized for presentation at the Company's plants by the Employee and Community Relations Department.

Did You Know That

About 5,500 men, women, and children visit the White House in Washington, D. C., each week day on private or conducted tours.

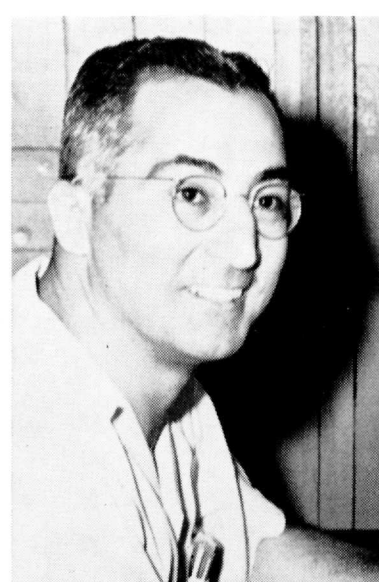
The average American spent \$10.30 for candy last year — a total expenditure for our collective sweet tooth of \$1.6 million.

Americans who drink 115 million cups of coffee every year don't produce an ounce of coffee beans. And economists say that's lucky for us coffee drinkers, because with farm land and labor costs where they are, coffee raised in the United States would have to sell for at least \$6 a pound even if it would grow in our climate.

Eighty-eight percent of the farms in the United States now have electricity. During the past year 200,000 farms were connected to power lines. At this rate, three more years will see all five million American farms electrified.

Our economy has the advantage of possessing three and a half million business enterprises in agriculture—nearly 10 million places where innovations may be authorized.

Know Your Foreman



Peter Mancuso

Peter Mancuso, the well-known foreman of Check Inspection at Brown Street, has been employed by the Sprague Electric Company for a total of 22 years, 17 of which have been seniority years. Pete worked in the Formation Room at Beaver Street, the Sample Department, Lab & Check Inspection. In 1941 he was transferred to Brown Street into Incoming Inspection, Outgoing Inspection, and was in charge of Samples. As Brown Street expanded, Pete remained in Check Inspection, the department of which he is now foreman. This department checks all units leaving the plant for perfectness in order to satisfy the customer completely.

Pete was born in North Adams and has always lived here. As a boy he was active in sports and still holds much enthusiasm for them. He is especially fond of skating, swimming, football, boxing and track. In 1936 he reached

the finals in wrestling tryouts for the United States Olympic team. Pete also has been a boxing judge for the Massachusetts Boxing Commission. In the past few years Pete has also helped in arranging many of the skating meets held here in North Adams. At the present time, he is a trainer for the Adams football team.

Pete is also a vigorous promoter of civic affairs. He is a Red Cross instructor of Water Safety and First Aid and has coached the children's swimming team for three years at the Y.M.C.A., an organization to which much of his time is devoted. From 1950 to 1951, Pete was a member of the City Council. At Sprague Electric he is vice-president of the Credit Union and is an Assistant Editor of the LOG. A member of St. Anthony's Church, Pete is secretary of the Holy Name Society there.

Pete is married and lives at 287 Ashland Street. His wife, the former Rose Corsi, used to work for the Company, where incidentally, Pete met her. They have three girls, Marie, four and a half years old, Cynthia, three, and Valentina, 22 months.

The Sign for July 25th to August 24th

The persons born under the sign of Leo, it is said, are regal in manner and bearing, tending towards positions of prominence and dignity. They seem ordained for a calling of leadership and accept responsibility.

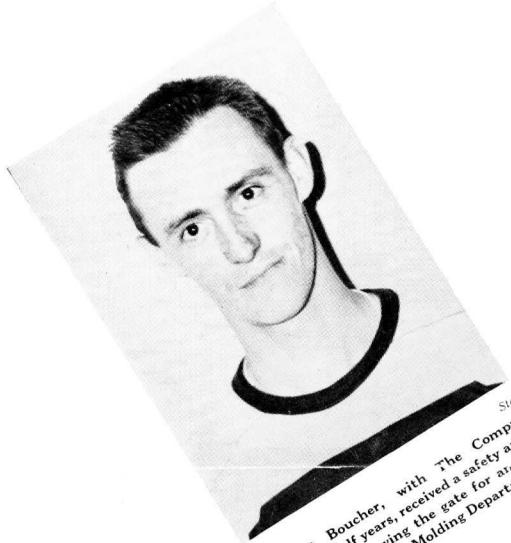
Their personality is dynamic and they are inclined toward extravagance which is usually as much for the pleasure of others as for themselves.

They are strongly idealistic in their approach to love and believe strongly in family life.

Their predominant qualities are bravery and determination. They are quick to flare up but just as quick to forgive.

# SUGGESTION

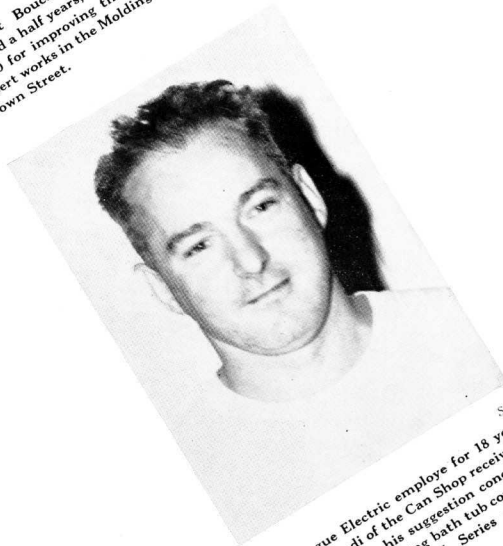
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Staff  
Robert Boucher, with The Company one and a half years, received a safety award of \$10 for improving the gate for an oven. Robert works in the Molding Department at Brown Street.



Staff  
John Davis, an employee for four and a half years, received an award of \$10 for a jig for testing capacitors where 100% power factor readings are required. John works in Filters.



Staff  
A Sprague Electric employee for 18 years, Frank Morandi of the Can Shop received an award of \$25 for his suggestion concerning a method for dimpling bath tub covers, and \$40 for forming 36-118L Series mounting clamps in one operation.



Walter Wood received the largest suggestion award from Sprague Electric, for improving FP Rings. "W" employed in Sprague Electric for 10 years, and is in Miscellaneous.

## Employees Encouraged

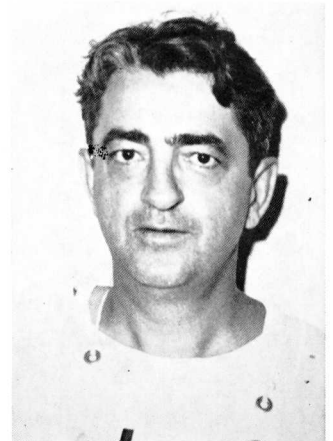
Every employee is encouraged to suggest improvements in products and methods. The Suggestion Award is a valuable award for each suggestion that is adopted.

Suggestions should be addressed to the Suggestion Committee and dropped in the suggestion box located in the knowledge during the following week.

Your suggestions are welcome on a daily basis. The Company, particularly those of a nature that will improve the Company.

- A. To improve the quality of our products.
- B. To rectify conditions that are unsatisfactory.
- C. To improve methods of manufacturing.
- D. To reduce the cost of production.
- E. To increase production.
- F. To improve equipment, tools, and machinery.
- G. To eliminate waste of time and materials.
- H. To select better materials.

For further information on how to make suggestions, contact the Brown Street plant, 390.



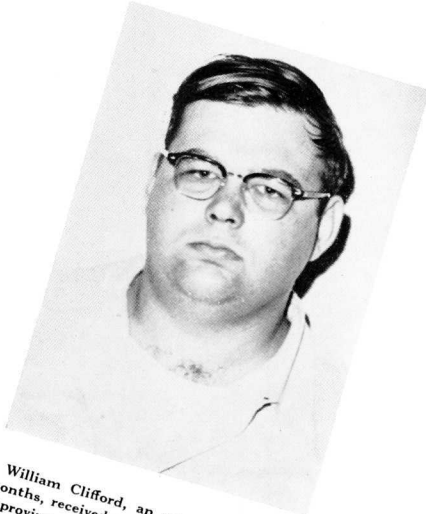
Staff  
Roland Bartlett, nine years service, and Rudolph Drobiak received an award of \$75 for a joint suggestion concerning the Machine Shop. Mr. Drobiak also won the award for the Du Pont Machine.

Due to vacations - other Suggestion Award Winners will be pictured at a later date.

# WARD WINNERS



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sived \$375, one of the awards ever given by a new method of weld-  
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electric for five and a half  
cellaneous Dry Rolling.



*Staff*  
William Clifford, an employe for seven months, received a safety award of \$10 for improving the tension spring clamp on rerolling machines. William works in For-



*Staff*  
Bernard Gilmore won an award of \$25 for a suggestion concerning FP rubber-painting beads of cans and can sampling. Bernard has been with the company for four years and is in FP Assembly.



*Staff*  
Charles Bourdon, a veteran of 16 years service, recently received an award of \$20 for his suggestion for a new method of soldering covers to tubes for Metal Clad. He works in Check Inspection, Marshall Street.



*Staff*

dolph Drobiak, ten years service, each won an a change in the FP Cover dies. They both work a \$25 for suggesting a new cardinal drive on the

Thomas McKeon received an award of \$10 for a suggestion for lubricating the springs of Riveting Anvils. Tom has been working with the Company two and a half years and is in Dry Tubular Assembly.

## to Submit Suggestions

submit suggestions for improvements in on Committee will grant fair and reason- is adopted.

to the Secretary, Sprague Electric Sugges- e boxes provided. Receipt will be ac-

all subjects related to the business of the are outlined below:

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Dry Tubular Finish

by M. Hauptfleisch

Isabelle Mazinski has returned from her two week vacation which she spent at Lake Willoughby in Vermont... Viola Hinkell spent hers at home. Vi was all set for a vacation, but her husband was hurt. Hope he will soon be well... Leona Lamoureux spent her vacation in New York City, taking in ballgames and shows... Maud Gebauer spent hers visiting her son and family in Springfield, Massachusetts... Marjorie Hauptfleisch spent last Wednesday in Boston... Alice Dupuis and children, and Marjorie Hauptfleisch and her family, spent Sunday at Lake George, New York... We wish a speedy recovery to Alice Domin and hope that she'll be back to work with us soon... We also wish Pearl Walden a speedy recovery after her operation. Not much of a vacation is it, Pearl?

F. P. Ovens and Assembly

by Emily Gardzina

Welcome to Lida Bernardi, Pat Kline, Eleanor Abuisi and Dot Columbus. We hope you like our department... George Beverly has just returned from a fishing trip in Maine. Fish are biting very well up there, says George. It's nice to have you back, Bev... Joe Boni is working in our department until Andrew Lampiasi comes back from Camp Drum with Company K. Welcome to our room, Joe... Vacationers are Doris Harris, John Miller, Eva Rivard, Edna Remillard, Joseph Messina, Dot Whitehead, Anne Peterson, Lucille Lewis, Mary Mondia, Marion Daignault, Ruth Peterhansel, Catherine Coody, Florence McCauley, Lena Ducharme, Yvonne Daunais, Emma Reardon, Irene Booth. Hope you all enjoy your vacations... We had two fellows who were with the National Guard for two weeks. How was it, Andrew Lampiasi and John Mancini?

Building No. 3

by Shen and Lee

Suzette Lemieux and Rose Mazzu are spending their vacation at Hampton and Old Orchard Beach... Betty Beauchamp is having a week of well-needed and well-earned rest at her home... Ginger Caron and Pat Schabot are spending a week vacation at Nantasket Beach... We hope everyone has an enjoyable time... Pat Nutting has been looking pretty tired lately. Could it be because Joe Kordona has had a ten day leave?... Mitzi Williams had a week of relaxation at Princeton, Maine, on a camping trip... Best of luck to Joan Desnoyers and Jean Murphy who left to join their husbands who are in the service... Joan has gone to Westover Field and Jean has gone to New Hampshire... The G.E.A.A. dances seem to draw quite a few girls from around here. Maybe Nancy Kelly could tell us what the big attraction is. Huh, Nancy?... Bertha Richards' son, Burton, has left on a trip to California for a month with the Boy Scouts for the annual Boy Scout Jamboree... We are glad to see Janice Russett, Eleanor Labonte and Jane Hamilton back with us after their leaves of absence.

Advertising Ad Libs

by Versus

Milton Cohen is recovering from his wife's appendicitis operation... Latest

news from the "Traveler" Jan Fowler is that she is scorching the roads through Missouri. No blow-outs yet. Helen Goodermote and Frances Sifton can't wait for Jan to get back so they can get some rest... Frances has been perfecting her telephone voice. She is our bright "hello" girl... Virginia Surprenant enjoyed the races at Keene, New Hampshire. All the bones are aching.

Automatic Rolling Dept.

by Larry Hiser

Frank Gordon enjoyed one week of vacation at Boston but was ill his second week... Larry Hiser enjoyed nine days of his two-week vacation at Granite Lake, New Hampshire... Louie Angeli, Joe Barrier and Joe Rosse enjoyed their vacations... Joe Vitro spent one of his weeks painting and moving into his new apartment... Bill Hussey enjoyed two weeks at North Pole, Saranac Lake and Lake Placid, New York... John Chadwell is on a two-week vacation and plans to go to Canada... Herb Palmer spent the week-end in Quebec, Canada.

Retail Sales

by Lois and Dolores

Bea Campadelli and Theresa Deso spent their vacations at Lake Champlain... Sis Vadnais spent her vacation at Atlantic City and came back sporting a new Italian hair style... We were all sorry to see John Cummings leave us, but we wish him luck on his new job... A farewell party was given in honor of Lorraine Van Steemburg at the Mill on the Floss, where the honored guest was presented a purse from her co-workers. We shall all miss Lorraine in Retail Sales.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmie

Carol Busby, Teresa Estes, and Lillian Goff are all back from their vacations... Vacation time for Pat Leclair and Clara Catotti... We can understand why Rose Lanco had such a difficult time picking the right proofs of her beautiful grand-daughter. They were all so lovely that it was hard deciding which was best... Harold Stevens and Maude Crews put on quite a nice dancing exhibition for us. We really enjoyed it... We hear that Maude Crews had quite an experience when she went to the Secum Brook... George Ross looked pretty sharp modeling Betty McConnell's jacket. He makes quite a model.

Test Equipment Engineering

by Mary Cantoni

Wecome back to Edward Stropole who has returned to work after a long illness... Bernard Robert is on vacation, but has nothing planned as to what he will do... George Remillard is spending one week of his vacation at Ashfield Lake in Massachusetts just resting, fishing and boating, away from his hobby — an electronic organ... Robert Bardsley spent the fourth of July week-end visiting relatives in Waltham, Massachusetts... Your reporter has returned from a one week vacation... Had a wonderful time relaxing and resting... George Wisniowski has returned from Camp Drum where he was on the two week training... Charles Lincoln will spend one week of his vacation on Hampton Beach. Charlie has no plans for the other week... Robert O'Hare spent one week in Carbondale, Pennsylvania visiting his wife's relatives.

Office Service

by Betty and Jennie

After being away for two weeks with Company K, Jim Robinson sure looks great. Glad to have you back with us Jim, we sure missed you... Ellen Horsfall is certainly a busy gal. Every week she's invited to chicken fries, picnics, et cetera. Watch that waistline, Elly... Francis Robinson is working desperately to get his new (1936 Ford) car in good shape. Fran has great plans for the summer... Betty Mahoney spent a few days with friends at Narragansett. While visiting about, Betty was introduced to Mickey Rooney... Teresa Coletts is enjoying a two week vacation. Teresa planned on staying right here in the good old Berkshires to enjoy her favorite sport, swimming.

Production Engineering

by Doris Langer

It's nice to see George LaBombard back after his operation... Vacations are now in full swing... Joe O'Brien spent his in St. Louis, Missouri, attending a convention... Lena Hurlbut saw the Red Sox and Yankees play and also went to New Hampshire. Her husband was home on leave prior to going to California... George LeSage spent his in New Hampshire... Ann Carlow stayed home... Bill Ross went to Narragansett, Rye, Ocean and Hampton Beaches and Newport... Babe Cimonnetti has been the guest of honor recently at many showers in honor of her approaching marriage to Wayne Ross July 25... Ginger O'Connell has been sick for a few days.

Employee and Community Relations Department

by Marie Kirkpatrick

Lois Buckley spent a week end at Lake St. Catherine. What a fish story she has to tell!... At last Monica Novak finished her driving lessons and has her license. Good luck and good driving, Monica... Pat Marsh spent a week's vacation at Cape Cod this month... If you want to hear a funny story ask Mary Pat Riley about the man in the hearse... In case you didn't know, we have a professional painter in our midst. John Winant has just completed painting his entire house which contains eight rooms... Betty Ann Cahill certainly is making up for lost time. At one sitting she devoured more food than she had eaten in the past month... Courtney W. Flanders left us last week and went on a week's business trip to Milwaukee... Marie Kirkpatrick and her husband, Dave, spent the past week end in Philadelphia. They saw the Giants-Phillies game... Fred Whitham is the proud owner of his first patent. Hope it brings dividends, Fred... Joan Risch, formerly Joan Mulcahy of this department, dropped in to say "hello" to everyone a few days ago. Joan was married June 6.

Shipping Department

by C. T.

Ellen Crocker is back to work after a vacation spent at Dennisport on the Cape... Mildred Waterman spent part of her vacation at Hampton Beach... June Pringle also went to Hampton Beach on her vacation... Heat Seal's "canary", Agnes Bolus, was matron of honor for Helen Davis and William Garner who were married June 27... Jackie Powers and family enjoyed the fourth of July week end at Sadawga Lake in Whitingham, Vermont... June Rock came back from a picnic at Pontoosuc Lake with a beautiful tan... Agnes Bolus spent a week end in Danbury, Connecticut... We are all

so glad that Ted Grogan's mother is recovering nicely from a recent operation. Our Ted still needs a lot of smiles to go his way though, as his wife is in the hospital for an operation... Jackie Powers and Jennie Hirst of Office Methods visited Kingston, New York last week end. The girls were on a "house hunt", so that they may be with their husbands who are connected with our Kingston plant... Viola Dempsey is anxious for cold weather, so she can wear the new fur neckpiece she received on her recent birthday.

Filters

by Ginger and Richer

Alice Monette, Jane Lanzo, Dave Morton and Norm Blair have had their annual vacations with no casualties reported... Martha Lewis spends all her spare time gardening. Her garden consists of two tomato plants on a window sill... Tony Falco was away with Company K for two weeks... Peter Mancuso just loves pink stationary, don't you, Peter?... We hope Irene Davis will soon be back to work with us... Beatrice Bisson is certainly a happy gal these days... What's happened, Bea?

Ceramics Department

by Emma Maruco

We welcome Adelbert Girard to our department... Two fellows from our department went to camp with the National Guard. They are John Wittig and Walter Estes. Guess Walter will remember this year at camp forever, because Mrs. Estes had their baby three days after Walter left for camp, and he had to leave camp and come home. Thanks loads for the cigars and chocolates, Walter. The Estes had a baby boy... Say, Raymond Scerbo, best you take a couple of hooks along when you go fishing again... Happy days again for our fellow employees. Off on vacations and certain destinations are Jane Dobbert, who will take in Lake Bomaseen, Vermont... Helen Gould is going to Lake Lauderdale, New York... Al Martel went to Atlantic City, New Jersey. Thanks loads for the delicious salt water taffy... Peter Pinsonneault really went on a tour. He took in Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire and part of Canada... May Riordan traveled to Waterbury, Connecticut and Pennsylvania... Irene Davis went to Montreal, Canada... Veronica Chittenden also went to Montreal... Lena Grillone journeyed to Washington, D.C... New York City and Revere Beach in Massachusetts were the destinations of Olive Pelletier... Norma Dargie went to the popular spot, Montreal... George Graziola has been transferred from our department. So long and good luck... Also good-bye to Ethel Roy and Barbara Sweet who are no longer with us... If the baseball scouts are looking for a good ball player, send them down to the Ceramic Department. We have a fellow who we think is an ace player. Who? — Charles Johnson.

Purchasing Department

by Irene 'n Lee

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNamara and their family recently spent a few days in Washington, D. C... Jim Oldham and his family are vacationing for two weeks at Windsor Pond, in Savoy... Dorothy Russett is taking one week of her vacation and is spending it at home... Robert Howard is vacationing at home and in the Adirondacks... Eleanor Gigliotti spent a week of her vacation sanding and varnishing floors and painting, preparing to move into her new home.

Building 7 Offices

by Joan Paradis and Betty Bogus

Marion Pinsonnault and Susan Bishop spent a very enjoyable week end at Lake George... Richard Crozier is spending his vacation at home... Mr. E. Goodman is spending his vacation at Lake George... Wonder where Bernie Garceau went for that LONG week end... Golf fever has hit Bob Smith, Ernie Jones, John Ortman and Bill Kirby very hard. How are your scores coming along, HMMM???

Small Order

by M. and N.

Vacations are here once more and already these people have had a wonderful time: "Cina" Bushika and Marie Luscia went to Boston... Helen Mancuso journeyed to Brooklyn, New York... Bob McDonough went fishing in Canada... Ethel Cote stayed at home... Mac Filliault also stayed at home... Mary Bernard is on her trip to Washington, D. C.



Bathtub Assembly

by Dora Landry

Vivian Dale is spending her vacation in California. Lucky girl!... Nancy Pierce is back at her desk after her recent leave of absence... Frankie Gentile has been transferred to the day shift. Frankie seems to enjoy his work... Janie Ciepiela enjoyed her vacation touring Canada. She visited Montreal and Quebec... Florence Lincoln is spending her annual vacation in Montreal.

Metal Clad

by Veronica and Doris

Charles Mulcahy, foreman in Metal Clad, is on vacation. We'll have to wait till he returns to find out how he spent it... Bertha Moreau went to the races during her vacation. The way she put her nose to the grindstone after her return we can imagine what happened... Anita Esposito moved into her new home on the State Road during her vacation... Robert Chalmers was remembered with a gift and a cake on his birthday recently.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Martha Grant who lost her five year old daughter, Juanita, in an automobile accident.

Block Annex

by Della Keating

Our colleen, Catherine Scott, is spending a three month vacation visiting her mother and family in Belfast, Ireland... Jean Dean is spending a three month leave of absence with her soldier husband, Kenneth Dean, in Aberdeen, Maryland... Lillian Crandall vacationed at Windsor Pond in Plainfield... Hazel Martell went to Modawasku, Maine... Marion Scott journeyed to Maine and Canada... New York, Canada and Vermont were the destinations of Marie Oliver... Flora Haumuller went to Amsterdam, New York... Raymond Blair took in Cape Cod... Ruth Chenail honeymooned in Springfield and Boston... Dorothy Marlow stayed at home on her vacation... Jean Bancroft picked Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, as the spot for her vacation... Florence Gosselin traveled to Atlantic City, New Jersey... Janet Hillard went to

Indianapolis, Indiana... Esther Driscoll traveled, spending some time in Plainfield and Boston... Yvonne Perras went to Crescent Lake, Maine... Helen Aliprandie took in Canada on her vacation... Harriet Conway went to New York City... Jessie Dzielgo also went to New York City.

### Misc. Paper Finish by Gert Noel

Maud Waska spent her vacation at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania... Larry Lewis went to Niagara Falls, New York... Janet Haas took in the White Mountains in New Hampshire... Edith Scriven stayed at home... Lil Peck entertained relatives from Canada... Velma Lincoln traveled to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Lake George, New York... Theresa Garofano went to North Pole, New York... Florence Cobb had her brother and his family as her guests for a week... Frances Gayda's brother, from Detroit, Michigan, spent two weeks at her home... Glad to see Gloria Amos back to work after a long convalescence following an operation. It's hello and goodbye to Blanche Mazur who was transferred to our department from Dry Rolling, but has now been recalled. We are very happy for you, Blanche, because we know you like rolling better... Hello and welcome to Irene Perreault who was transferred from the Sandia Department on Brown Street. Hope you like working with us.

### Small Order Metal Clad by Lorraine Duffy

Nellie Hewitt and Avis Hitchcock had back from their vacations. They had a wonderful time... Jane Paradise, one of our LOG reporters, Gaethne Allard and June Barnhart are out on their vacations. Have a good time, girls... Jean Poirot has been losing a lot of sleep. Each of her three crows had a calf. Congratulations, Jean... Lea Perras and Carmela Scalise are back from their sick leaves. Glad to have you back and looking so well... This is to acknowledge the card we received from Red Bennett, who is vacationing in Provincetown, and also the "thank you" card we received from the newlyweds, Flo and Bob Diodati.



### Final Soldering by The Busy Bee

Now that summer vacations are here we would like to give you a word of advice. "A near accident can scare you. The real thing can kill you. Safety is your concern..." Some of the girls on vacations, or just returning seem to have had grand times. Your reporter got a card from Jeannette Cady, who, traveling thru Canada, Niagara Falls, and Buffalo, asks, "why do the days go by so fast?"... Agnes Rivers spent a week at Vergennes, Vermont, with her family. We hear her husband, a local fireman, is quite a fisherman... Eleanor Hall and her family spent their vacation at Packard Heights, Athol, Massachusetts. We hear she had quite a time dodging mosquitos... Marie Nesman recently was called to Pennsylvania by the death of her brother-in-law. We extend our sympathy... Vivian Belanger is spending her vacation in Vermont... Gert Dupre recently went to see her parents at Champlain, New York... Sue Pollone had quite a hard time keeping her apple pie. It was given to her for her birthday and we hear that it's her favorite pie... Mary Roy has quite a hearty laugh. That's the only time we hear her... Ida Fortin and Rena Brassard spent their vacations at home resting... A friend

of mine once said in answer to a gibe, "I may not be much, but I'm all I've got!" Say that to yourself—and be careful, vacationers.

### Cooler News by Gert

Many of our people are still on vacation and by their cards they seem to be having a wonderful time. Evelyn Jones changed the usual greeting to "I hope you are enjoying my vacation..." Eleanor Brooks took a trip to Worcester, saw the ravages of the tornado, and said that you couldn't believe it without seeing it... Ronnie Whittle has left us for two weeks to work on the desk while Bernice Beverly is away on her vacation... Linda Cuzzaglio is having a week in which to see her daughter, Lucy, who is training in Boston to be a nurse... Ruby Hubbard starts her vacation... Bert and Bertha Raymond are going to Rutland, Vermont and from there points north... Good luck to Kenny Williams with his new car... We miss Connie Bush and Bernice Plantier since they have been working outside and hope that they will be back in the "Gold Fish Bowl" soon... We have several new girls in the Cooler and we hope that they are going to enjoy working with us... The noon-hour crochet classes are over until the members are back. How will we ever get spreads finished at this rate?... Thermos bottles are becoming more and more popular in the morning along with buttered crackers.

### KVA Stockroom by "Ace" Samia

Vacations are here again, and to start with, Francia and Marie Dargie spent last week at the beach having a grand time... Harold Brown is back from his, with a mess of fish... Patsy Montesanti is on two weeks of Naval training at Bainbridge, Maryland. Have a good time, Pat... Marie Ducharme is spending her vacation in Montreal with her husband... Ralph Burdick returned from two weeks of National Guard training looking very trim... Deane Brown and his family are enjoying their vacation in Rowe, Massachusetts, where they own a camp... The KVA gang had their outing up at Charlie Zocchi's camp in Berlin, New York. A good time was had by all... Your reporter had a three day vacation in New Hampshire and had an enjoyable trip.

### Misc. Resistor Assembly by Jean Levy and Rita Brooks

Had a nice visit from Leroy Johnson, our former co-worker. He is stationed with the Marines in California... Ralph Lewis is on vacation for two weeks. He is busy working on his chicken farm. He went to Boston for a few days and tried to buy Fenway Park, but they wouldn't sell it to him, so he says... Anne Marianni, of the night shift, is on her vacation in Canada for two weeks... Jean Levy spent the July fourth holiday at Rye Beach... Art Bissillouth's son, Don, has returned to camp in Texas where he is stationed with the Air Force... One of our former co-workers, Janet Johnston, visited in town recently. Janet now lives in Hartford, Connecticut.

### Wire Coating by Betty Jangrow

Henry Parker, who has the concession at the State Park on the Mohawk Trail, had his vacation... Buster Bullett is at Camp Eagle with his boys. The attendance this year has exceeded all previous records. We expect to hear all about the activities on his return to work... Silvio Volpi has returned from his vacation. Now the fish in the Batten Kill will get a

rest. It's his favorite haunt for fishing... Al Peck's eleven year old son, Arthur, fell off his bicycle and fractured his elbow. Arthur is feeling much better... When Donald Bourden's wife can't find her two little boys she holds her breath. They just love the garage roof and she has found them scampering along it several times... Raymond Dickinson has been kept busy this week with the fishermen. Keep them coming, boys, as the season will soon be over... We hope that Jackie Burdick was able to attend his brother's wedding. Jackie was in the hospital recovering from a cut on the leg received while playing ball... Helen Foote enjoyed her vacation at her home. A very comfortable place to be these hot days... Jackie LePage enjoyed her stay at the Girl Scout Camp at West Hill, so much that she extended it from two to four weeks. She is getting along wonderfully with her swimming.

### Ind. Oils Final Assembly by Isabelle Fuller

Both Jerry Burdick and Bernard Tatro are back home from Camp Drum, and they never looked so good. Jerry certainly had a good reason for wanting to come home. It was only four more days before he and Gertrude made the trip to the altar. Best of luck to both of you... Bernard Tatro got the surprise of his life when he reached home and found a nice 1952 Studebaker car awaiting him. A birthday present, of course, given to him by his mother and dad. Bernard was how old July 16? Bernie expects to go to Montreal, Canada July 26 to the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. He is touring with his girl friend and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Bing Labombard, and family and another friend, Raymond Lopardo... Many local television fans were surprised and enjoyed seeing Mrs. Alice Green, wife of Harold, interviewed at the wrestling match in Chicago on a recent Saturday night. The Greens are enjoying their vacation in Chicago... Vivian Montgomery and Mary Bartlett are still out on leaves of absence due to illness. Hope you two girls will be with us soon... Jack King, supervisor of the night shift, is now supervising the day shift while Orrie Roy is out for his two week vacation. Have a glorious time, Orrie. Katherine Field, night co-worker, is also working days for two weeks. Like having you with us, Katherine. Rose Vareschi is spending her two week vacation in New York... Romeo Brusatori and Margaret Guyette are out on vacation... Dot Disanti is back to work from her vacation. She spent some time in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and a few days in New York. We think Dot should have another week just to rest up.

### KVA Department by Alma Pratt and Frank Santelli

What are all the fellows in KVA smiling about? Is it because they were invited to Charles Zocchi's camp for a steak dinner? Never mind girls, we will get even... Mary Timothy spent the fourth of July week end at Hampton Beach. She spent last week at Lake George... Donald Klammer is back after being away for two weeks with Company K... Dick Oakes has left our department to work in the Sample Department here at Brown Street. Good luck Dick... Mary Bua is on a leave of absence. We all miss you, Mary... Frank Kolis' bassett hound has nine puppies. Anyone who wants a water spaniel see Frankie... Sterl Hewitt has moved from Stamford to North Adams. Sterl is a busy bee papering and painting his house. What's this we hear about you hanging a roll of wall paper upside down?... Flash—Alec Petro, the first man to walk across the new Brown Street bridge... Who is Mr. A. of KVA?

### Industrial Oils by Ann Heath

The sixty-four dollar question around the department is, "Who is 'Gert', the new reporter?" I'll give you a clue. Go to the little league games and you will find "Gert"... Attention racing fans! Keep your eye on a horse named "Black Rose", owned by Liz Jones... The boys enjoyed a steak supper at Charlie Cye's camp. To show their appreciation they took Charlie out for a boat ride and made him swim back... If Sam Dean is going to play around with mice, he had better carry a bottle of smelling salts with him... Happy birthday to Vi Arnold. Vi spent her vacation at Hampton Beach... Betty James spent her vacation at Cape Cod.

### Why Signs?

Did you ever run across a talking sign? No, it's true, signs don't actually speak out, but if they did, they couldn't say anymore than they do in their now quiet way.

We see one on a wall that says "Wet Paint" and what do we do? Yes, we touch it to make sure. Along the road there will be another "50 mile limit" and our speedometer reads "60". In town we drive through a yellow light when green is the "go" sign.

"Stop, Look, and Listen" is another sign familiar to all of us, and yet hardly a week passes that we don't read about a vehicle being struck by a train. "Danger, Keep Out", the sign on the door said, and in our own locality two boys were killed and a third crippled for life when they picked up some dynamite caps inside the door.

Certainly, we can all read. When there is a "No Smoking" warning in front of us, we are well aware that it's there because something inflammable is nearby. We have a tendency to obey a sign like that, and yet the others are simply more safety rules that are posted as added reminders.

Signs speak for themselves, but too often we turn a deaf ear to them. They are all meaningful or they wouldn't be there.

Obey Signs! They Aren't Put Up For Decoration.

### Korner Cutters

When one of your lace tablecloths begins to show its age, dye it for use on a holiday table—gay yellow or orchid for Easter or May Day, red for fourth of July or Valentine's, or dark green for Christmas. A twenty-five cent package of dye will do the job nicely. Starch the cloth lightly and put it on your curtain stretcher while it is wet. You'll be amazed at how fresh it looks after this dye-and-starch treatment.

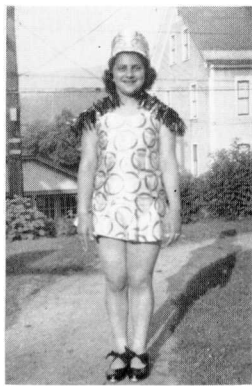
When you take cookies or a cake to a neighbor, or to a friend who is ill, put your gift on a fancy paper plate, with or without a paper doily. It looks attractive, yet spares your friend the obligation of returning a plate—a point a sick person especially, will appreciate. Keep a package of the decorative paper plates on hand for just such emergencies.

To keep a meat loaf moist, and to add an interesting flavor, use cornflakes instead of bread or cracker crumbs when mixing it. Crush a handful of the flakes to sprinkle over the top too.

Cut slices, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick, from a cellulose sponge and place them in the bottom of soap dishes in both kitchen and bathroom. They will keep the cakes of soap firm and dry, yet retain enough of the liquid soap which runs off the wet cakes to be ready for a quick clean-up of sink or lavatory. Use a razor blade to cut the sponges to the desired size and shape.



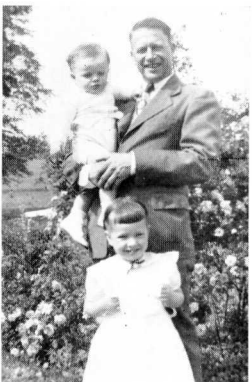
Ralph E. Strange is a former employee of Sprague Electric. He is the son of Florina Strange who works at Brown Street and grandson of Amelia Couture who works in the Flat Midget Assembly at Marshall Street.



Bernadette Mastroianni, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Mastroianni. Angelo is a millwright in Maintenance.



Mary, six, and Joanne, four, are the daughters of Ken Williams who works in Industrial Oils.



Mr. Truman McLain, Henderson Road, Williamstown, is pictured with his children, Thomas and Gail. Mr. McLain is a utility man in Metal Clad.



Sports

by KENNY RUSSELL

Sprague Softball:

After winning the first half title, the Sprague Electric softball team has hit skid row and has been soundly trounced twice. Either the team lacked ample replacements when some players were on vacation or it had an inferiority complex when the main cogs in the wheel were not in the lineup.

Whatever the reason, we know that the Sprague Electric team had better get off the toboggan or it will not only lose out in the second half, but could drop the entire shooting match.

It is complete team play that wins ball games and not the glorification of any one individual.

At this time Holy Name is setting the pace and may be difficult to dislodge. Its most notable wins were in defeating Sprague and Rohane Oil.

Little League:

Your reporter has not covered very much of the Little League activity, but from all reports the league has been a huge success. The competition has been keen with the first half ending in a three way tie between I.C.W. Number 2—Sprague, and Hunter.

Rival managers have operated like Major Leaguers, using stratagems like shifting the field for defensive measures, and walking a batter to get a weaker one. (Imagine walking a

youngster eight to twelve years old to pitch to another).

This kind of ball and strategy employed by the rival coaches has added new life and increased the spirit at these highly entertaining ball games at Kemp Park. If you haven't seen one of these games, we urge you to do so. The kids put on a great show and they will appreciate your patronage.

This goes for the other community Little Leagues also. In Adams, the Mother Town youngsters are hitting hard, as attested by numerous extra base hits. The charges of Cazz Sanecki have shown the way and his lads have won twelve out of thirteen encounters. This is a tribute to a fine coach who knows how to get the best from his team.

Semi-Pro Ball:

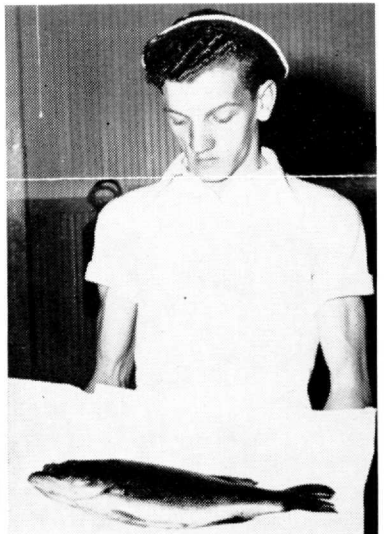
With Williamstown playing the only semi-pro ball in this end of the county we feel that the College Town team should be congratulated in keeping alive what in years past was a seasonal high-light. Maybe once more we will hear them say, "Let's go out to the ball park." They did that around this area at one time, and not too long ago either.

Meanwhile the Williamstown team has won some notable games, and the team members are not youngsters

either. Cliff Taft still pitches a great game while Joe Moreau continues to powder the long ball and is agile enough to take care of the outfield position competently. Every now and then Ned Walden is found in the line-up. Here is a ball player that continues to amaze the area with his ability to play Class A ball. The Mason brothers play steady ball, and of course, no team is complete in the College Town without Billy Hart. Bill, one of the most versatile stars to come from Williamstown, is a great team player and sport on and off the field. We could go on and name many stars from past years, such as Mickey Smith, now Williamstown High School's coach. However, we won't go on as we don't like to slight anyone, and since Manager Fred Walden does such a nice job in his Springfield column we will let him carry the ball in that area.

In closing on this topic I would like to see other teams organized in the immediate area and once more have the Northern Berkshire Twilight League that was such a success a number of years ago.

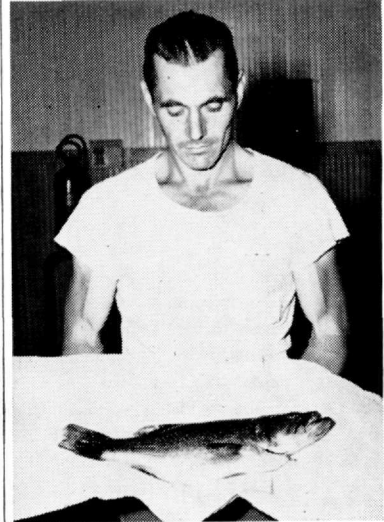
If this is not possible then maybe the sponsoring of one good team to represent the area in some inter-city or state league would be the answer to the return of good sound baseball in our city. When we had one team representing North Adams at Noel Field the grandstand was usually jammed to capacity. It can be done again.



Norman Blair is shown with the large mouth black bass he caught at Cheshire Lake in clear weather July 11. The fish tipped the scales at 3 lbs., 4 ozs. and was 19½ inches long. Norman works in Filters.

Don't Forget THE FISHING CONTEST!

The small mouth black bass which Edward Pettibone, below, is shown holding, weighed 4 lbs. and was 20¾ inches long. Edward caught this in cloudy weather at Barbers Pond. He works in the Molding Department.



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FROM Marshall St. gatehouse to Center St., Adams, daily at 5:00 p.m. Contact Jeanette Krzeminski, Shipping Department. Dial 265, Marshall St. Plant.

FROM Marshall St. plant to Williamstown at 4:30 p.m. or 4:45 p.m. nightly. Dial 383, Marshall St. Plant.

FROM Murray Avenue (East Main Street side) to Marshall St. plant. Contact Anna Horsfall. Dial 569, Marshall St. Plant or call N. A. 179-J.

FROM Beaver St. to Marshall St. for the 6 a.m. shift. Dial 332, Marshall St. Plant — Mrs. Edith Royal.

FROM Commercial St., Adams, two riders to Marshall St. on the 8 a.m.-5 p.m. shift; also one rider from Center St. bridge, Adams on same shift, to Marshall St. Call Adams 589-R or the LOG desk.

FROM Bennington to North Adams on 8 a.m.-5 p.m. shift. Dial 390, Marshall St. Plant.

TO Hoosick Falls Friday nights at 5 p.m. and back on Monday morning 8 a.m. Marshall St. Plant. Dial 547, Marshall St. Plant or contact Art White.

ARTICLES WANTED

SECOND-HAND chest of drawers or bureau. Maple finish. Also wooden dish cabinet. Call Vi Bona, Adams 807-M5.

A REWARD of \$10.00 will be paid to the person who can supply applicant with an acceptable six room apartment in North Adams. Dial 348, Marshall St. 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SECOND-HAND guitar. In good condition. Dial 383, Marshall St. Plant. John Winant.

INFORMATION on a 5, 6 or 7 room house or apartment, heated or unheated, in the city or nearby vicinity. Now vacant or will soon be. Wanted for rent by adult couple with no children. Call N. A. 3963-J or contact Mr. or Mrs. W. Young.

FOR SALE

DUPLEX HOUSE, 5 rooms each side. In excellent condition. One apartment ready for immediate occupation. House is located on the State Road near Holy Family Church. Close to new school and parochial school — right on bus line. Call Jeff Barre, N. A. 2524-M after 6 p.m.

ELECTRIC BENCH SAW in excellent condition. Call Williamstown 678-WK anytime, or dial 323, Marshall St. Plant.

ADMIRAL RADIO for kitchen or bedroom use. Will sell for \$10. In good condition. Call N. A. 3511-W after 4 p.m.

MAPLE CRIB with mattress. In good condition. Contact Kaziwierz Donaj, 15 Elm St., Adams.

GENERAL ELECTRIC 12-inch oscillating fan. Like new. Dial 346, Marshall St. or phone Adams 1813-R after 5:30 p.m.

1950 MERCURY 2 door sedan. In excellent condition. Reason for selling, must go into the service. Contact Peter Pinsonneault, 217 Park St., Bennington, or phone Bennington 6539.

1941 FORD Convertible, 1948-100 Horsepower engine, new king pins, new top and new brakes. Best offer. Dial 547, Marshall St. Plant, Paul Garnish.

1948 KAISER, Blue. New paint job, 4-door sedan. Good tires, perfect condition. Call N. A. 1147-M.

PORCELAIN kitchen sink with drain shelf. Call 3784-W after 4 p.m.

PIANO-ACCORDION, double bass. Call 3447-MK after 5 p.m.

ONE DIVAN SET—\$175.00; one television set, \$300; one coffee table, \$10; one clock ship, \$8; one electric sewing machine, \$95; one electric refrigerator (Hot Point), \$75. Contact Louis Shaker, 140 Cliff St., North Adams. Tel. 2698-W.

ONE .300 caliber model 99 Savage Rifle. Like new. Open iron sights plus one unmounted Marble folding tang peep sight. Call N. A. 3212-J between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. C. E. Wright—Etch House.

TWO 7.10 x 15 Good Year super cushioned tires. Excellent condition. \$10 each. Call 1120-W after 5:30 p.m.

THREE STORY HOUSE, Williamstown. 10 rooms, bath and a half and a 2 car garage, laundry room, full cellar and one unfinished third floor room. \$18,000. Dial 390, Marshall St. Plant.

SEA KING outboard motor. 3½ H.P. Four years old. Good running condition. \$60.00. Call George Senecal, Formation Dept.

ELECTRIC "Broil Quick" with electric timer. Used only five times. Will sell for \$40.00. Owner moved to smaller house. Dial 383, Marshall St. Plant.

ONE GLENWOOD bungalow size combination gas and coal range, first class condition. Reasonable price. Call N. A. 2059-J.

ONE PHILCO mahogany cabinet console television set. 17 inch screen. Excellent condition. Will guarantee picture tube for one year. Phone N. A. 3631-R.

GE REFRIGERATOR—16 years old. In perfect condition, never had to have repairs. Owner is buying a new one. Will sell for \$50.00. Call N. A. 1485-M after 2:30 p.m.